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City official Barry Thorgrimson talks to reporters after a meeting with developers who want to put a hotel and water-park complex at The Forks. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Splish, splash at The Forks?

Downtown boost. City of Winnipeg officials are considering a plan that would see an indoor water park, hotel at The Forks



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Shovels could be in the ground by the end of the year for a water park at The Forks.

On Wednesday, City of Winnipeg officials confirmed they are in talks with Canalta Developments and Waterfun Products to build a water park, hotel and parkade on land currently in use as a parking lot.

Phase 1 of the project

would see a 50,000-square-foot water park plus a 125-room hotel built, while Phase 2 would see a second "tower" of 125 rooms added to the hotel plus a 450-stall parkade.

The proposal includes an offer to buy a parcel of land, called "Parcel 4," currently sitting between the Winnipeg Goldeyes' Shaw Park and the under-construction Canadian Museum for Human Rights, for \$6 million.

"To support this water park, we understood a standalone water park wouldn't make it on its own," said Barry Thorgrimson, director of planning, property and development for the City of Winnipeg.

"We knew there'd be a complementary development and there's a hotel."

Thorgrimson said the city

had the land appraised independently and it was valued at \$5.9 million.

The city would provide \$7 million in funding and, as part of the agreement, the developers would also provide vouchers for 25 years for up to \$700,000 worth of free admission for families who can't afford to go.

Coun. Russ Wyatt (Transcona) said he supports the project, adding that the vouchers are a vital part of the agreement and could be worth \$17 million.

"It's great for downtown revitalization," said Wyatt.

If the plan is approved at the April 18 executive policy committee meeting and then the April 25 city council meeting, the development's first phase could be completed by the end of 2013.

Outrage in Whyte Ridge

Residents appalled that a city committee approved an apartment complex, despite a 1,700-signature petition against the project PAGE 4

Hall of Fame for Bomber

Retired Blue Bomber defensive lineman Doug Brown to be inducted into the team's Hall of Fame on June 18 PAGE 6

Rait finds new inspiration

Singer Bonnie Rait returns to the studio with a different producer PAGE 20



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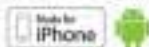
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Downtown to benefit from taxes

Development. Sports, Hospitality and Entertainment District to be created out of tax-increment financing plan



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The city and the province have made official a plan to use a portion of new property taxes brought in from developments around the MTS Centre to make improvements in the area.

Working with Centre-Venture, the two levels of government have created a tax-increment financing zone in an 11-block area between the MTS Centre and the Winnipeg Convention Centre.

As much as 80 per cent of property tax revenue brought in from new developments within the zone — such as the \$75-million Centrepoint hotel and office building going up at the corner of Donald Street and Portage Avenue — will

be diverted back to finance projects or incentives that support economic and social developments in the surrounding area.

The money will go to “specific projects that will increase the attractiveness of the community, make it safer, and provide amenities that allow people to be on the street,” said Premier Greg Selinger.

The first money brought in by the freshly announced plan — \$8.7 million in new property taxes from the Centrepoint project — will be used to add lighting and new sidewalks around the home of the Winnipeg Jets over the next few years.

Mayor Sam Katz said the initial work would make the area safer and help entice people into the area.

“People do work downtown, people do live downtown, and we want more people living, working and playing downtown,” he said. “With this type of activity, downtown should even be safer.”

The exact time frame for the program hasn’t been decided, but Katz said a maximum of \$25 million



Mayor Sam Katz and Premier Greg Selinger speak to reporters after announcing a tax-increment financing zone around the MTS Centre, spurred by developments like the new Centrepoint hotel, inset. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

would be spent over the lifespan of the tax-increment financing zone.

The province already has legislation in place to allow the zone to go ahead, and

the city will move to do the same before the end of April, said Katz.

Stats show crime up 28 per cent downtown



Crime may be up downtown, but the numbers don't tell the whole story, say downtown boosters. METRO FILE

Statistics showing a nearly 30 per cent jump in crime in Winnipeg’s downtown over the first three months of 2012 don’t worry the mayor — yet.

“In a short period of time it’s easy for those numbers to change,” said Sam Katz Wednesday. “You can have a bad week or a bad weekend and anything can happen, which is why I say it would be more astute to do it over ... one year.”

“By the same token, nobody at city hall is happy with those numbers.”

The stats, which come from the Downtown Winnipeg BIZ’s Downtown Secur-

ity Network, show crime increased by 28 per cent from January to March compared to the same time last year.

The stats show a 220 per cent increase in the number of commercial break-and-enters, a 60 per cent jump in residential break-and-enters and a 62 per cent rise in non-commercial robberies like muggings.

Rick Joyal, Downtown Winnipeg BIZ’s manager of safety and development and a former Winnipeg police officer, said the statistics don’t concern him at all.

“If you have a spike in any one category, it can show a dramatic increase

overall,” he said, adding the 28 per cent jump equates to just 22 more actual crimes so far this year. “If you look at the overall numbers we’re a really small part of it — the city has had a total of 1,895 (crimes) since January and only 101 of them have happened in the downtown.”

The numbers aren’t all bad either, pointed out Joyal, noting that homicides are down 67 per cent in the downtown so far in 2012, and the number of sexual assaults has also dropped 50 per cent over this time last year.

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On the web

A whale of a birth

A baby beluga is coming to Georgia Aquarium. The world’s largest aquarium has a rare beluga-whale pregnancy, the first mammal to conceive at the downtown Atlanta attraction since it opened in 2005. Watch the video at metronews.ca

Science or sci-fi?

Fact or fiction? Could you blow up the Death Star? Or teleport, like in Star Trek? Those and other myths explained, as scientists discuss fact versus science fiction. More at metronews.ca

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Whyte Ridge. Residents outraged over approval for apartment complex

A member of a group opposed to a developer's plan to build an apartment building in Whyte Ridge says she's "shocked" a city committee voted to go ahead with the controversial project.

"We had 1,700 people registered on our petition in opposition, and they had three in support," said Erin White of the group Our Whyte Ridge. "The fact that our own city councillor went ahead and said she supported the development and approved the recommendation to go ahead is a huge disappointment to us."

White and several upset neighbours attended a heated public hearing at city hall on Tuesday night.

Paula Havixbeck, city councillor for the Whyte Ridge area, joined councillors Scott Fielding and Grant Nordman, who are members of the Assiniboia community committee, in green-lighting the plan to build an 84-suite apartment building and eight townhouses at the southwest corner of McGillivray Boulevard

and Dunkley Street.

Havixbeck said Wednesday she's happy with her choice because the apartments will allow seniors and young people from the community to stay in Whyte Ridge.

"I do believe it's a good project," she said. "I believe it will be a place where people who live in the community will want their parents to perhaps live in, and I think a lot of young professionals may want to live there."

Ninety people at the meeting registered to speak against the proposal, their concerns centring on population density and whether the new building will fit into the "character of Whyte Ridge," White said.

White, who said the proposed four-storey apartment complex will be built "right outside" her back fence, said there's little the group can do now that the plan is going ahead. "We don't have an appeals process," she said.

The development still requires approval from the rest of council.

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Newly minted. Steel loonies in circulation

New loonies and toonies with a steel core began circulating on Tuesday, the Royal Canadian Mint says.

Calling the coins a "new generation," the Mint says the coins feature the patented multi-ply plated-steel technology.

"As an industry leader and innovator focused on delivering the best quality and value to its customers, the Mint is pleased to have produced a new generation of one-dollar and two-dollar circulation coins which set new standards in cost-effectiveness, durability and security," said Ian E. Bennett, president and CEO of the Royal Canadian Mint.

"By combining the Mint's patented multi-ply plated-steel technology and sophisticated security features never before seen on Canadian coinage, our new high-denomination circulation coins reinforce the modern and innovative reputation of Canada's currency system."

The new coins are being manufactured in Winnipeg at the Royal Canadian Mint. They use less metal but are still durable and more secure, Bennett said, thanks to a method of alternating layers of different metals to provide a greater flexibility in controlling electromagnetic signatures.

ELISHA DACEY/METRO

Breaking criminal cycle

Mental-health court starts next month

A new court that will start hearing cases in Manitoba next month aims to work with people with mental-health issues that are causing them to break the law.

The special court, supported by expanded mental-health services put in place by the province, will sit weekly at the Law Courts Complex in

Winnipeg starting May 10.

"Problem-solving courts like this help make our communities safer by recognizing and addressing the core reasons people come into conflict with the law in the first place," Justice Minister Andrew Swan said.

The mental-health court focuses on adults with mental-health problems and is similar to the Winnipeg drug-treatment court, which attempts to break the cycle of drug use, criminal behaviour and jail for drug-addicted offenders, Swan said.

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Brian Pallister announces his candidacy for the PC leadership at The Forks on Wednesday. ALYSSA MCDONALD/FOR METRO

Pallister makes run for top spot official

Hails golden age of Filmon. After six months, Brian Pallister is the first candidate to declare candidacy for leadership

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Brian Pallister has officially thrown his hat into the leadership race for the Progressive Conservative Party of Manitoba.

In a bilingual speech Wednesday at The Forks, Pallister, a former Canadian Alliance MP, told supporters and caucus members "we

Filmon era: Our finest hour?

Eye on the future

The NDP was extremely successful in the last election at saddling Hugh McFadyen with the baggage of Gary Filmon's government, blaming him for making deep cuts to social programs and privatizing public assets.

Although Brian Pallister was at the cabinet table at the time, he said he's not afraid of being attacked in the same way. The Filmon era will eventually be seen as "one of the finest governments Manitoba has been blessed with," Pallister said. But he said the past isn't as important as the future.

ALYSSA MCDONALD/FOR METRO

will aim higher."

"We will work as a team," he said before a small crowd that included some caucus veterans. "We will conduct ourselves as if our children and grandchildren were watching us.

We will field the best candidates. We will build the best organizations."

Pallister is going into the race without a seat in the provincial government.

"I, as leader, would be able to do a great amount

of work from outside of the House if I wasn't given the opportunity in the short term to get into it," he said.

Pallister would not say if he's eyeing former PC leader Hugh McFadyen's riding but said he thinks there are "some opportunities there."

McFadyen stepped down following last year's provincial election, after the PCs were unable to gain ground on the NDP.

So far, Pallister is the only candidate for PC leader. His announcement comes after a series of possible candidates — including MP Rod Bruinooge and justice critic Kelvin Goertzen — decided not to run.

The new PC chief will be chosen at a leadership convention on Oct. 27.

Planned apartment building declared derelict

City hall's property and development committee has denied an appeal from the owner of the former Canada Bread Company plant in the West End after the building fell under the city's derelict-building bylaw.

The owner of the 100-year-old factory at 258 Burnell St. had asked for more time to bring the building up to code. The city says the owner needs to add a working sprinkler system to the vacant building to comply with the bylaw.

The owner told councillors he's in talks with a de-

veloper who wants to turn the building into an apartment complex.

Coun. Jeff Browaty, the committee chair, said the owner still has about six months to submit a development proposal or bring the building into compliance before the city takes title over the property.

"We want to see it redeveloped and back on the tax roll," he said. "We're not in the business of taking people's properties for the sake of it, but it doesn't meet legal code right now."

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The former Canada Bread Company plant.

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Maureen, 42, is a single mom living in Halifax with her two children, Sandra, 8, and Billy, 12. She rents a three-bedroom apartment close to the Public Gardens and not far from the medical centre where she works as office manager. Her kids can walk to school, and although she has a car — she uses it for her weekly grocery shopping and for

driving the kids to practices — Maureen takes public transportation to work. She's always watched her money and looks for good value from every dollar she spends.

Maureen has an annual household income of \$45,000. Some months she lives pay cheque to pay cheque but "I have a budget, and I stick to it. Along with all the monthly expenses, I'm saving for the kids' education, and every summer we travel west to visit family in Winnipeg."

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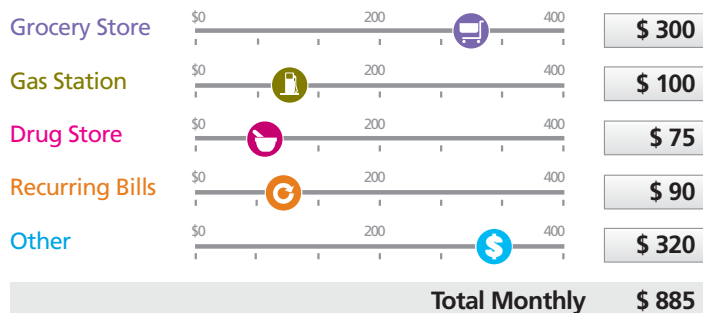
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Red Road Lodge resident Pat Bruderer in front of her art display at the Edge Gallery. ALYSSA MCDONALD/FOR METRO

New funds to help those on the brink of homelessness

Poverty. Two local groups offer help in the form of housing, employment services

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Two projects that give opportunities to people who are at risk of becoming homeless are getting a boost from the federal and provincial governments.

The Red Road Lodge and North End Women's Centre's Betty Berg House will both receive money to continue operations through the Homeless Partnering Strategy.

Women and mothers

"They are learning a new way to do life, a healthier way, as opposed to using drugs and being homeless on the streets."

Tammy Hansen, program manager at Betty Berg House

Artist Pat Bruderer was looking for a place to live for six months before finding Red Road. She has been living there for a week and is displaying her traditional art, called birch bark biting, at the partnering Edge Gallery.

Bruderer says she likes

"working and sharing with other artists."

Red Road Lodge provides cultural programming and art space to inner-city residents and people who are homeless. The Urban Art Centre and transitional-housing facility will use the funding for its Home to Recovery project that helps vulnerable people with life and employment skills.

A spokesperson for the Betty Berg House said they will secure programs and support services for their residents, consisting of single women and mothers.

Women can stay in the housing facility for a year before staff help them transition to live independently.

Doug Brown to be inducted into Hall of Fame

One of Winnipeg's best and brightest Bombers will be inducted into the team's Hall of Fame.

The Winnipeg Football Club announced Wednesday that recently retired defensive lineman Doug Brown, along with former Bomber presidents Ken Matchett and Reg Low, will get the honour on June 18.

"We are very excited to be inducting three very worthy members of our Blue Bomber family into the Hall of Fame," said Blue Bomber president and CEO Garth Buchko in a press release. "Both Ken and Reg were excellent examples of how to successfully oversee the Winnipeg Football Club during their tenures as president, and Doug has just wrapped up a career in which he cemented himself as a true Canadian Football legend."



Doug Brown METRO FILE

Matchett and Low each spent two years as president, Matchett from 1986-1987 and Low from 1994-1995.

Brown recently retired from a CFL career that spanned 11 seasons, all with the Blue Bombers. He finished in second place on the Blue Bombers' all-time tackles list with 429 and in third place on the team's all-time quarterback sack list with 52.

The men will be inducted at the annual Legacy Dinner.

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Innovation. New engineering centre is 'a huge step forward' for CIC

A new facility to house a not-for-profit engineering consulting group is being hailed as a showcase for Manitoba innovation.

The Composites Innovation Centre held on Wednesday the grand opening of its new building in the Tuxedo Industrial Park, which, at 21,000 square feet, is four times the size of its previous location at the University of Manitoba.

"It's a huge step forward for CIC," said employee Mark Townsley, who works as ground transportation and

design manager. "It's assisting our industry leaders in Manitoba."

This new facility means the CIC will have additional research space and a new training room dedicated to industry education.

"The CIC keeps Manitoba at the forefront of innovation," said Entrepreneurship, Training and Trade Minister Peter Bjornson, calling the facility a "showcase."

While many may not be familiar with composites, they're becoming more in demand for industries such as

aerospace, ground transportation and sporting goods.

Bill Stanton, director of product development for Sigma Industries, said through a partnership between his company and the CIC, they've created a truck cab that's 30 per cent lighter.

These projects, added Stanton, help position Canada as a global leader in innovation.

"(Industry) is starting to realize that research and development is the only way we'll compete against China," said Stanton.

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Eugene Rothwell, CIC lab supervisor, shows Dale Kellington of the Industrial Technology Centre how the CNC machining carves out a design that will later be used to create an industrial mould. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Woman with map

Police warn of parking-lot thief

The Winnipeg Police Service is warning the public to be wary of a woman connected to recent credit-card and debit thefts occurring in city grocery-store parking lots.

In each incident a map-toting woman approached female victims who had just finished loading groceries into their vehicles and knocked on their car windows asking for directions.

After the interaction the victims all discovered their credit and debit cards had been stolen from the purses that were in their vehicles. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Assiniboine. Volunteers wanted to help with park's zoo development

The Assiniboine Park Conservancy is looking for 100 people after launching a new volunteer program.

Volunteer positions at the Park and Zoo are open to anyone aged 16 years or older and offer a variety of commitment levels, depending on the position.

All volunteers in the program start as goodwill ambassadors, providing directions to visitors and sharing information on Park and Zoo attractions, services and events, before moving on to a more specialized position. "Our volunteers will

play a key role in the future development of Assiniboine Park and Zoo," said Jill Knaggs, APC co-ordinator of volunteer resources.

"We like to place volunteers in positions that offer the best match for their skill set and schedule to make it a rewarding experience for everyone."

A volunteer-recruitment fair will take place on Thursday from 4:30 to 8 p.m. in the Conservatory.

Current volunteer opportunities include everything from goodwill ambassadors to camp assistants. METRO



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Tori Stafford's DNA found on accused's car door: Testimony

Rafferty trial.

Probability the blood found on the car was not eight-year-old victim's is one in 150 trillion, court hears

Blood determined with near certainty to be Victoria Stafford's was found on the door of the car belonging to the man accused of killing her, court heard Wednesday.

A mixture of blood from at least two different people on the rubber moulding of the back passenger side door on Michael Rafferty's car was found to contain DNA matching the eight-year-old girl's profile, court heard. The profile was compiled using her parents' DNA, one of Tori's teeth and a hair from a lice comb, forensic biologist Jennifer McLean testified.

The probability that the female blood on Rafferty's car door was not Tori's, that a randomly selected person would



Michael Rafferty is shown in a police handout released as a court exhibit. THE CANADIAN PRESS

coincidentally share the same DNA profile, is one in 150 trillion, she said.

Results from such a DNA test can either exclude someone as the source of a sample, or find that they cannot be excluded, with varying probabilities that a randomly selected person has the same DNA profile, McLean testified.

Science was the focus Wednesday at Rafferty's trial, where experts from the Centre

of Forensic Sciences testified about testing done on several items seized from Rafferty's home and car following his May 19, 2009, arrest.

Rafferty is alleged to have kidnapped Tori outside her Woodstock, Ont., elementary school on April 8, 2009, with his then-girlfriend Terri-Lynne McClintic, and then driven the Grade 3 student more than 100 kilometres away to a rural area, raped her and killed her.

Rafferty has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping. McClintic is already serving a life sentence after pleading guilty to first-degree murder.

McClintic testified last month at Rafferty's trial that after she shoved Tori into the back seat of Rafferty's car, he ordered the girl to stay on the floor and covered her with his black pea coat so she wouldn't be seen. A coat matching McClintic's description was found in the house Rafferty shared with his mother, and testing revealed the presence of two blond hairs. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Mandatory language tests

Minister of Immigration Jason Kenney delivers a speech to the Economic Club of Canada in Ottawa on March 7. Starting this July, certain people immigrating under the provincial-nominee program will face language testing. Kenney made the announcement in Saskatchewan, which took in more than 5,300 immigrants under the provincial-nominee program in 2010. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alarm bells

Three charged in alleged break-in

Three men are facing charges after an alleged break-in attempt at the Toronto home of an alarm company president.

AlarmForce Industries says Joel Matlin was on vacation in February when a man went to the front door of his house late at night. Matlin's video-equipped alarm system sent him an email with pictures of the man, but a check of the live video feed showed the man had left.

Matlin contacted Toronto police and asked them to check the house and also called his stepson, who went over to stay at the home. The stepson was awakened around 4:30 a.m. to the sound of the alarm system saying "phone line cut" and then heard people trying to kick the door down, but he turned on the lights and scared them away. Matlin's company says the entire incident was caught on video, which was sent to police to help in the investigation.

Police confirm three men were arrested in connection with the attempted break-in at Matlin's house and also have been charged in several break-and-enters in the Toronto area.

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Bomb search conducted on grounded plane: RCMP



A Korean Air Boeing 777 is shown on the runway at CFB Comox in Comox, B.C., on Tuesday. RICHARD WARRINGTON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Authorities were conducting a thorough inspection of a Korean Air flight Wednesday that made an emergency landing at a Vancouver Island military base after a bomb threat was phoned into the airline, the second such scare in two days.

The Boeing 777 was carrying 149 passengers from Vancouver to Seoul on Tuesday afternoon when the airline turned its craft around shortly after takeoff under the escort of two U.S. fighter jets.

A spokesman with the company's Vancouver office said a similar flight was delayed at Vancouver International Airport for two hours on Monday when the first call was received. Police boarded

the plane and determined that threat was not credible.

"Mostly we are concerned about our passengers' safety, and (keeping) our passengers on schedule," said James Koh, adding he had "no idea" why the airline was getting the threats.

The RCMP, which is leading the investigation, said early Wednesday nothing suspicious had yet been found.

Passengers and crew members on Tuesday's diverted flight were checked, the company said Wednesday morning. Once inspections of baggage, cargo and the plane undergo the same procedure, it's expected to resume flight.

"If the plane goes through security and is found that it's

absolutely clean, that plane would be absolutely used," said another Korean Air representative, spokeswoman Penny Pfaelzer, who is based in Los Angeles.

The passengers stayed at two different hotels over night in the town of Comox, on the east coast of Vancouver Island, where a 3,000-metre-long airstrip is operated by a Canadian Forces Base.

Simon Fraser University securities studies Prof. Andre Gerolymatos said it's hard to know what's going on.

"It hasn't been determined if they're crank calls yet, but it does demonstrate that there is always a possibility of some kind of a threat to Canada."

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Flight facts

NORAD is an alliance between Canada and the U.S. that uses airplanes to patrol North America's air safety.

- **Scrambling.** Two F-15 fighter jets were scrambled from Portland, Ore., to intercept the flight and escort it to the military base, about 180 kilometres northwest of Vancouver.

- **After takeoff.** Tuesday's bomb threat was received through a U.S. call centre about 25 minutes after the flight departed from Vancouver at about 4 p.m. PDT.

Souvenirs for Canada

Chrétien exhibit to feature gifts from heads of state

Former prime minister Jean Chrétien will be unveiling souvenirs from his official travels at an exhibition in his hometown.

A museum in Shawinigan, Que., will showcase the gifts

Chrétien received from various heads of state and other officials while he was prime minister. He is thought to have accumulated between 4,000 and 5,000 items during his 10-year spell, which ended in 2003.

The exhibition, dubbed "Prime Minister Jean Chrétien's Museum: Canada's Place in the World," will open to the public on June 16 and run until Sept. 30.

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F-35 fallout

Liberals call for MacKay's firing

The calls for Defence Minister Peter MacKay to be fired over the auditor general's scathing report on F-35 fighter jets have become louder and nastier.

The opposition Liberals say MacKay doesn't know his file and pointed to a flub

Wednesday in Halifax where the minister referenced the wrong statistical table in trying to make his case over the conflicting numbers associated with last week's bombshell audit.

Liberal House Leader Marc Garneau says MacKay is either incompetent or "not too bright." The personal attack followed claims that the Conservative government undercut costs by \$10 billion. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Court ruling

Negligence led to brain damage: Court

An experienced obstetrician whose unwarranted forceps intervention during labour led to the birth of a child with catastrophic brain injuries was indeed negligent, Ontario's top court ruled Wednesday. In upholding a lower-court

ruling and damages award, the Ontario Court of Appeal agreed Dr. Peter Potts fell below the required standard of care in delivering Matthew MacGregor 13 years ago. In 1999, Laura MacGregor was in labour with her second child at the Grand River Hospital in Kitchener, Ont., when Potts attempted a forceps delivery even though, the trial judge found, there was no compelling need to do so. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Peruvians rescued from copper mine

Six-day ordeal.

Nine miners walk out of abandoned mine through a reinforced tunnel built by rescuers

Nine Peruvian miners were rescued Wednesday after six days of being trapped in an abandoned copper mine.

The nine, ranging in age from 23 to 58, walked out without assistance about an hour after dawn from a reinforced tunnel that rescuers had built as they removed more than eight metres of dirt and rock.

The miners wore sunglasses and were covered with blankets.

President Ollanta Humala greeted them.

Humala had spent the night at the mine 240 kilo-

metres southeast of Lima.

The miners were trapped by a cave-in triggered by an explosion they had set.

The miners had communicated with rescuers through a hose, in place before the collapse, by which they also received food and medicine during their ordeal in a horizontal shaft dug into a mountainside.

"It's pretty ugly inside," one of the rescued men, Edwin Bellido, told RPP radio. "We slept on the ground on muddy plastic."

He said the miners kept their spirits up by telling each other jokes, singing and running in the 50-metre tunnel.

The Cabeza de Negro mine that they were working in had been abandoned in the 1980s.

Humala said the incident points up the dangers of working in such mines in Peru, labour in which tens of thousands are engaged.

He said he had given instructions for Cabeza de Negro to be sealed.

The rescue drew some comparisons to the 69-day ordeal of 33 Chilean miners trapped more than 700 metres underground in 2010 near the

Chilean city of Copiapo.

The Peru rescue was not by any measure a comparable engineering feat because the miners were not similarly trapped. Neither heavy equipment nor drilling was required. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Miner Javier Tapia, wearing sunglasses, is helped out of a mine in Yauca del Rosario, Peru, Wednesday. JOE ROSALES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Myanmar. Suu Kyi meets president ahead of her entry into parliament

The architects of political reconciliation in Myanmar, President Thein Sein and opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi, met Wednesday ahead of the Nobel peace laureate's historic entry into parliament.

The two were due to discuss democratization, parliamentary affairs and a peace process with ethnic rebels, said a spokesman for Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy.

On her return to Yangon from the capital, Naypyitaw, Suu Kyi told reporters only that "it was a good meeting."

Suu Kyi has long fought for democratic rule against the former military regime, and spent about 15 years under house arrest for her ef-

Pro-democracy icon

Aung San Suu Kyi's group captured 43 seats to become the main opposition presence in parliament, which is overwhelmingly dominated by allies of the former military regime.

- They take their seats when the next session of parliament opens April 23.

forts. Her party boycotted a November 2010 general election, saying it was unfair and undemocratic.

But when Thein Sein became president he began reforms easing the political landscape. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Aung San Suu Kyi smiles as she talks to journalists Wednesday.

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France. Ban on visiting extremist websites and on travel to weapons-training camps

The conservative French government Wednesday unveiled new counterterrorism measures to punish those who visit extremist websites or travel to weapons-training camps abroad.

The measures come in the wake of deadly shootings by a suspected Islamic extremist in southern France last month.

They will now go to parliament, where the government may face resistance from the Socialists, who say France's legal arsenal against terrorism is already strong enough.

The opposition say the proposal is a campaign ploy to boost President Nicolas Sarkozy's chances at a second term.

Sarkozy's cabinet gave its go-ahead to measures that would make it illegal to travel abroad to "indoctrination and weapons-training camps for terrorist ends," or to regularly visit websites that incite or praise deadly

All about politics?

Sarkozy is facing an uncertain re-election contest.

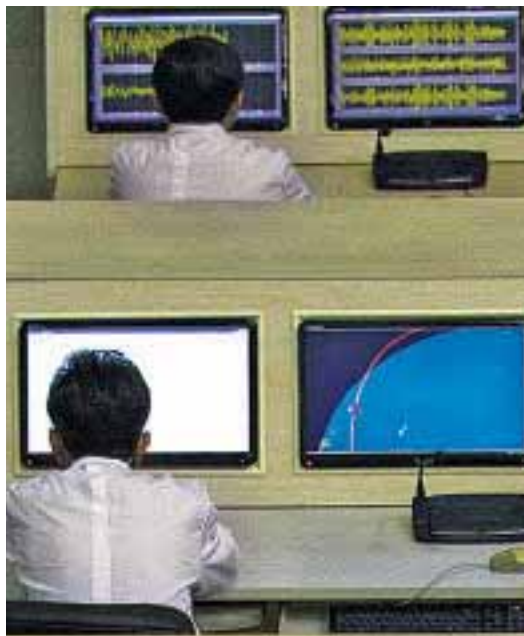
- Critics say Sarkozy is trying to buff up his domestic security credentials ahead of a two-round election on April 22 and May 6.
- Sarkozy first made the proposals after gunman Mohamed Merah killed three paratroopers, a rabbi and three Jewish children in shootings in the cities of Toulouse and Montauban.

terrorism.

Sarkozy's government insists the measures are needed to fight the relatively new phenomenon of "lone-wolf" terrorism by extremists who self-radicalize online via jihadist websites, and are hard for authorities to track.

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Controversial rocket launch appears imminent



North Korean technicians man computer terminals at their space agency's launch command Wednesday. DAVID GUTTENFELDER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

North Korea. Rocket mounted with Earth-observation satellite and is similar to the type that could fire a nuclear warhead

North Korea fueled up a rocket Wednesday in preparation for what appeared to be an imminent liftoff while the country's young leader strengthened his power with a new title making him the nation's top political official.

Kim Jong-un was named first secretary of the ruling Workers' Party, a new post, while his late father, longtime leader Kim Jong-il, was given the posthumous title of "eternal general secretary" at a special Workers' Party conference, the state-run Korean Central News Agency reported.

Kim Jong-un's formal ascension, nearly four months after the death of his father,

comes during a week of events leading up to celebrations Sunday marking the 100th anniversary of the birth of his grandfather, the late president Kim Il-sung.

Space officials call the launch of the Unha-3 rocket, mounted with an Earth-observation satellite, a "gift" to Kim Il-sung.

They said Wednesday that the final step of injecting fuel into the three-stage rocket was underway in the coastal hamlet of Tongchang-ri.

"We are injecting fuel as we speak," an official told reporters.

Fuel injection into the rocket is usually one of the final steps in the pre-launch process, experts say. But the weather, and particularly the wind, could force delays.

A launch would be a "provocation" and violate UN Security Council resolutions, say the United States, Japan, Britain and other global powers.

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Problem-plagued submarine in water, briefly



HMCS Windsor, one of Canada's four Victoria-class submarines, is returned to the waters of Halifax harbour after a re-fit. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

One of Canada's four problem-plagued submarines was slowly lowered into Halifax harbour on Wednesday, more than three years after a refit was due to be completed.

HMCS Windsor began the three-hour process of re-entering the water just before 9 a.m. local time in a berth lined with 46 winches that connected to a submerged wooden platform.

Dozens of workers stood on a Halifax dock to watch the hulking black sub as it was lowered at about half-a-metre per minute.

The sub was to move to a neighbouring berth to undergo further testing and preparations for sea trials, but it's not clear when those trials will happen.

"The submarine will only go on the other side and ... the refit will continue," said Roger Barakett, who oversees fleet safety and the lowering procedure.

"Some of the work requires salt water to be carried out so that's what's going to go on when she's in the water."

Initially scheduled to be

completed by 2009, Windsor's refit has taken almost five years and the sub hasn't been in the water since 2007.

It has operated at sea for 332 days since arriving in Nova Scotia in October 2001.

Windsor is one of four British submarines bought by the government in 1998 for \$750 million, but the fleet has seen little time in active service since then.

Defence Minister Peter MacKay said the navy is also expanding the number of submariners it has to 330 from 278. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Long process

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- HMCS Victoria recently completed a three-year refit.
- HMCS Corner Brook struck the ocean floor off Vancouver Island during a training exercise in 2011.

U.S. election

Obama and Romney poised to fight

The gloves are officially off between U.S. President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney now that the Republican front-runner's only real competition has exited the party's gruelling presidential race.

Less than 24 hours after Rick Santorum's departure from the contest — described by Romney as a "good day for me" — the former Massachusetts governor was on the hot seat in a bruising battle with

a well-funded, well-oiled Obama re-election machine that provided a glimpse of the seven months ahead.

In a conference call with reporters, a trio of Romney's top campaign advisers faced tough questions about his insistence a day earlier that 92 per cent of jobs lost in the U.S. since Obama took office were held by women, a much-disputed reading of federal statistics.

Romney's been trying to gain ground with women in the face of numerous polls suggesting they prefer Obama by as much as 20 percentage points. Women represent almost 53 per cent of the American electorate. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Florida

Killer to be executed Thursday

Former prosecutor Bob Stone remembers standing next to serial killer David Alan Gore in a Florida orange grove while authorities dug up two of his six victims.

As investigators unearthed two metal drums containing the dismembered remains, Stone said Gore smirked as if to say, "Yeah, this is my work."

Gore is scheduled to be executed Thursday for murdering 17-year-old Lynn

Elliott on July 26, 1983, a sentence many say is long overdue.

"I looked in his eyes. If the devil had eyes, that's what they'd look like. They were red in the centre. It was like a fire had come out of his eyes. You could see all the way through 'em," Stone said.

"That was the strangest sight I ever saw. If there is a human that's got the devil in him, he's it."

Stone won't get many arguments from people who lived in Vero Beach in the early 1980s when Gore and his cousin, Fred Waterfield, committed a series of horrific rapes and murders.

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California

Manson denied parole again

A California prison panel denied parole Wednesday to mass murderer Charles Manson in his 12th bid for freedom.

Manson, now a grey-bearded, 77-year-old, did not attend the hearing. He orchestrated a series of gruesome murders on consecutive nights in Los Angeles 40 years ago. His trial with three women acolytes was an international spectacle.

Manson and his followers were convicted in the

1969 slaying of actress Sharon Tate and four others.

"I'm done with him," Debra Tate, the sister of the actress, said after the hearing.

For four decades, Debra Tate has travelled to whatever rural California prison has held the notorious cult leader and his band of murderous followers for hearings she said are too numerous to count.

"I've tried to take this thing that I do, that has become my lot in life, and make it have purpose," said the 59-year-old Tate, who was 17 in August 1969, when Manson sent his minions across L.A. on two nights of terror.

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Indonesian earthquakes trigger panic but no tsunami

The sound of sirens. Massive quakes terrified residents of South Pacific archipelago, bringing back nightmares of 2004 tragedy

Cries of panic and fervent prayers rang out Wednesday as Indonesians rushed toward high ground after two strong earthquakes raised fears of a killer tsunami.

Alerts were raised as far away as Africa and Australia but this time the big waves didn't come.

In western Indonesia, distraught women ran into the streets clinging to crying children as back-to-back tsunami warnings revived memories of the 2004 disaster that claimed 230,000 lives in nearly a dozen countries.

"God! What have we done to deserve this?" one mother screamed as residents around her piled into cars and onto the backs of motorcycles. "What



The walls of a prison were damaged by strong earthquakes in Indonesia's Aceh province on Wednesday. The two massive quakes caused tsunami warnings, but no deadly waves or serious damage occurred. KYODO NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

sins have we committed?"

Two deadly tsunamis in the last decade — the most recent off Japan just one year ago — have left the world much better prepared.

Sirens sounded along coastlines and warnings spread like wildfire by text messaging. Though often chaotic, evacua-

tions began immediately, with streets clogged with traffic, especially in Aceh province, where 170,000 people were killed in 2004.

Countries all along the Indian Ocean — from Australia and India to as far off as Africa — received alerts from the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Ha-

waii saying they should prepare for the possibility of seismically charged waves.

An hour later the tsunami warnings were lifted, and damage from the tremors was minimal — something experts attributed to the unique nature of the fault line.

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Trayvon Martin shooting. Zimmerman to plead not guilty to murder

The neighbourhood-watch volunteer who shot unarmed black teen Trayvon Martin was arrested and charged with second-degree murder, after weeks of mounting tensions and protests across the U.S.

George Zimmerman, 28, could get up to life in prison if convicted. His new lawyer said Wednesday that Zimmerman will plead not guilty. Zimmerman turned himself in Wednesday, and he is expected to appear in court Thursday.

The February shooting brought demands from civil-rights leaders for Zimmerman's arrest and set off a furious debate over race and self-defence.

Zimmerman initially was not arrested in part because of Florida's "stand your ground" law, which gives people wide leeway to use deadly force without having to retreat in the face of danger.

Zimmerman's new attorney, Mark O'Mara, said he will invoke the "stand your ground" law in Zimmerman's defence.


Martin's parents expressed relief over the decision to prosecute him.

Recounting the incident

On Feb. 26, Martin was returning from a convenience store when Zimmerman started following him, telling police dispatchers he looked suspicious.


- Zimmerman stated Martin attacked him after he had given up chasing the teenager and was returning to his truck.
- He told police that Martin knocked him to the ground and began slamming his head on the sidewalk. Zimmerman's father says Martin threatened to kill his son.
- A video taken about 40 minutes after the shooting as Zimmerman arrived at the Sanford police station showed him walking unassisted without difficulty.

Zimmerman's brother Robert Zimmerman Jr. told CNN on Wednesday night: "Our brother literally had to save his life by taking a life. And that's a situation nobody wants to be in, ever." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS




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Texas cops keeping eye on nude maid service

Police in a conservative Texas city are keeping close tabs on a young entrepreneur's recently opened cleaning service that offers nude maids.

Lubbock police Sgt. Jonathan Stewart said the owner of Fantasy Maid Service doesn't have a permit to operate a sexually oriented business and officers are watching for any violation, which would bring a \$2,000 US fine.

But owner Melissa Borrett insists she's not operating such a business. Customers pay \$100 an hour for one maid or \$150 an hour for two maids, and no touching is allowed, she said.

"I run a maid service," the 26-year-old entrepreneur said. "We really just clean houses. These girls are not performers. They're maids."

The West Texas native and mother said she started the business about a month ago because she was struggling as a waitress to make ends meet. She had even been living at the Occupy Lubbock encampment near Texas Tech University's campus.

"I just decided to go a little bigger, work a little smarter," she said.

Her business model isn't unique, but the city's ordinance

Booming business

- So far, Borrett said, business has been good and she is now busy interviewing to hire more maids — she has three on staff.
- Fantasy Maid Service offers a regular discount to government employees and law enforcement. An ad posted Friday on the online bartering site Craigslist offered 20 per cent discounts for Easter weekend.

requires all sexually oriented businesses to apply for a permit, which costs \$650 a year, and to post a \$5,000 surety bond or letter of credit.

Such businesses are defined as any commercial venture whose operations include "providing, featuring or offering of employees or entertainment personnel who appear in a state of nudity, semi-nude or simulated nudity and provide live performances or entertainment" intended to sexually stimulate or gratify customers, "and which is offered as a feature of a primary business activity of the venture." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Abandoned puppies found zipped in suitcase

A man allegedly tried to abandon six English bulldog puppies by zipping them inside a suitcase and leaving it outside an Ohio business near a trash bin with their mother, police say. The man was charged after authorities found he'd left the luggage tag with his contact information attached.

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Saggy pants land man in jail

An Alabama judge ordered a man to serve three days in jail for contempt of court for wearing so-called saggy pants. Twenty-year-old LaMarcus D. Ramsey was in Autauga County Circuit Court on Tuesday to enter a plea on a charge of receiving stolen property.

Circuit Judge John Bush told Ramsey his blue jeans were sagging too low and gave him the three-day stint. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

'Miracle' baby alive in coffin

A mother in Argentina says she fell to her knees in shock after finding her baby alive in a coffin in the morgue nearly 12 hours after the girl had been declared dead.

Doctors gave her the death certificate just 20 minutes after the baby was born. The baby was quickly put in a coffin and taken to the morgue's refrigeration room. Twelve hours passed before she and her husband were able to open the coffin to say their last goodbyes.

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Final orbit in Race for Space

Metro English Canada's finalists for Metro's Race for Space are competing against 14 others from around the world for a chance to be launched into space. The winner — to be selected by an international panel of judges — will be announced April 27.



RYAN TAPLIN/METRO IN HALIFAX

KIRBY 'OUTLANDISH'

Will Kirby grew up dreaming of flying to Mars to search for life on the Red Planet.

Thanks to Metro International's Race for Space contest, he's one step closer to his goal. Kirby is Canada's co-finalist for a chance to fly into space.

Kirby says he saw the contest in the paper and

decided to take a shot. He then pressed his friends and family to back his entry.

As the votes grew, the undergrad biology student planted himself in public places on the Dalhousie University campus in Halifax to have loud conversations with friends about the contest, and about how he needed online support.

"I began to think, Hey, this is actually possible," he says. "Over the next few days, I did a lot of arm waving at Dalhousie University."

Kirby, 23, was born in Ottawa, raised in Acton, Ont., and moved to Halifax to study. His father has a PhD in chemistry, and childhood walks were filled with discussions of quantum physics. "I always had a big interest in science, mainly because of him," he says.

The idea of actually being in space awes him. "I would try to make an emotional, inspiring speech, but I don't know if I'll just be like, 'Daaaaaarrrrr,'" he laughs.

Each Metro country is submitting finalists, and a jury will pick the winner April 27. The actual flight would happen in 2014.

Even if he falls short in the Race for Space, Kirby

hopes to make it off Earth one day. He plans to get his PhD in astrobiology, the study of the potential for life on other planets, and has the "outlandish" goal of becoming an astronaut.

"The ultimate goal is to get to Mars and be one of the first scientists who discovers extraterrestrial life," he says.

"I can fight as hard as I can to get as close to my goal as possible. If it's not in the stars, then I can say I did my best."

JON TATTRIE/FOR METRO IN HALIFAX

On the web

Read Kirby's entry at metronews.ca/features.

We've all come to know and love the quirky character Bubbles from the Canadian TV show Trailer Park Boys. Behind the big glasses, kitten obsession and signature frown is Mike Smith, a man who has loved space and rocketry since he was five years old.

Since March 5, applicants across 22 countries have been narrowed down, leaving Smith to be Canada's co-finalist for a chance to fly into space.

"The whole experience of going through the training and learning about the space vehicle, the build up to it, would be amazing," says Smith.

Smith, 39, grew up in Nova Scotia and studied English at St. Francis Xavier

University.

If he wins, he plans on making a documentary, recording the process leading up to the flight. Smith says the documentary could inspire youth to become involved in space exploration.

The avid Rush fan says, if allowed, he would bring music with him into space.

"It would be really cool to listen to Cygnus X1 in space." The Rush track is a psychedelic blend of rock, ambient sound effects and metal. Smith says he would also love to bring his beloved Conky, the ventriloquist puppet, with him for the trip.

"Some friends and family have been telling me I'm nuts to get into a space vehicle. They have opinions about if

BUBBLES 'REALLY COOL'

it's a good idea to shoot yourself into space," says Smith, who's more than excited at the prospect of space travel.

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'Hello, Earthlings!' Metro reporter says from 'space'

Trying space travel on for size. Metro Holland's Jeroen van Wieringen spends the day at a space-flight simulator facility



JEROEN VAN WIERINGEN
Metro World News

"And on the left you'll find a sickness bag," Mark, a technician from Space XC, says, concluding his instructions before he closes down the spaceship's cockpit.

I nod bravely, but secretly I die a thousand times. I have every reason to. It's not every day that I am flying 3,500 kilometres an hour, up to 103 kilometres in the sky — all a part of becoming an astronaut.

You may be scratching your head and thinking, "Astronaut?"

Yes, but in truth a virtual

one. I'm sitting in a facility called Desdemona in the Dutch village of Soesterberg.

Here, you'll find the only simulator in the world that can literally turn in every direction. Because of extremely good projections in the cockpit, the user — in this case, me — thinks he's sitting in a real spaceship.

"All right, Jeroen, just press the red button when you are ready," the "pilot" Harry says calmly.

"No, don't!" the scared one inside me thinks. "Go for it!" screams the daredevil in the same body. And that last one wins.

I'm being pressed into the seat as the world around me is passing me by faster and faster.

"More than 200 kilometres an hour... and liftoff."

Thanks, Harry. As if I haven't noticed that myself already.

I see land below me, clouds next to me, stars above me. The continuous noise of the rocket en-

gines is banging in my ears. But then — silence.

The engines are shut down, the enormous pressure has been lifted. Weightlessness, that's how it feels. Yuri Gagarin, I'm just like you!

A big smile appears on my face and my eyes are looking in all directions as fast as they can, just to miss nothing of the wonderful world around me.

"So right now, can I call myself a virtual astronaut?" I hear myself asking.

"Yes, now you are, because you just crossed the zone of 100 kilometres, the boundary between our atmosphere and outer space," Harry says enthusiastically into my headset.

Hello, Earthlings!

However, going up means coming down again as well.

I know what comes next — they explained it to me. It seems like about three times my own weight, about 250 kilograms, is trying to crush me.



Our reporter Jeroen van Wieringen gets inside the SXC flight simulator. SXC

Although I knew it was coming, it takes me by surprise. Blood rushes down, my head feels lighter. I pinch my hands and put pressure on my legs to fight it. It barely helps. If this goes on much longer...

But it doesn't.

"Welcome back, this is the right time to have a relaxed final part of the flight," Harry says.

"Well done."

And — to be honest — I agree with him. Especially when I see the empty sickness bag next to me.



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Commercial space flights

Heading for next frontier 'a life changer'

Michiel Mol has been dreaming of going to space since he was eight-years-old.

Influenced by science-fiction movies and by watching the space race put the first man on the moon, he's always wanted to experience the galaxy first-hand.

"It's all because of something inside of us human beings," Mol tells Metro.

"We want to go further and find the next frontier."

Now, Mol may be able to make his and the dreams of many others come true.

He's the CEO and partner of Space XC, a company that will be sending people to outer space on its spacecraft starting in 2014.

Previous space travellers have been known to pay exorbitant amounts of up to \$50 million US to get to the International Space Station.

Space Adventures, based in Vienna, Va., is the only company that has successfully sent self-funded individuals to space.

Out of their seven customers, one man — Charles Simonyi — was even com-



The model of the Space XC space station in Curaçao. sxc

pelled to travel twice, once in 2007 and then in 2009.

"People want to have unique life-changing experiences, and that's what tourism is all about, particularly space tourism," explains John Spencer, a space architect who runs SpaceTourismSociety.org.

The idea of just going to space isn't just enough for some people. Space Adventures is offering a 90-minute spacewalk and five day stay on the International Space

Station for \$15 million — but the flight isn't included.

There's also a \$300 million-a-ticket circum-lunar flight using a Soyuz spacecraft with a separately launched propulsion module. They've already sold one of the two seats.

But there's more: Spencer is currently designing an "orbital super yacht." Modeled on seafaring leisure boats, he hopes one day the vessel could help vacationers travel in space

in comfort.

"The real impact on humanity isn't the science or technology," Spencer says.

"It's the unique perspective we get by going away from Earth and seeing from the moon planet Earth in orbit."

Mol agrees. "You're looking down on the seven-billion people on Earth. It's really a life-changer," he says.

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U.S. sues publishers over e-book pricing

The U.S. Justice Department and 15 states sued Apple Inc. and major book publishers Wednesday, alleging a conspiracy that raised the price of electronic books.

They said the scheme cost consumers more than \$100 million US in the past two years by adding \$2 or \$3, sometimes as much as \$5, to the price of each e-book.

Attorney General Eric Holder said executives at the highest levels of the companies conspired to eliminate

competition among e-book sellers. Justice's antitrust chief, Sharis Pozen, said the executives were desperate to get Amazon.com — the marketer of Kindle e-book readers — to raise the \$9.99 price point it had set for the most popular e-book titles, because that was substantially below their hardcover prices.

The federal government reached a settlement with three of the publishers, Hachette, HarperCollins

and Simon & Shuster. But it will proceed with its lawsuit in federal court in New York City against Apple and Holtzbrinck Publishers, doing business as Macmillan, and The Penguin Publishing Co. Ltd., doing business as Penguin Group.

Connecticut and Texas, two of the 15 states filing a separate lawsuit, reached agreements with Hachette and HarperCollins to provide \$52 million in restitution to consumers, using a

formula based on the number of states participating and the number of e-books sold in each state.

Other states in the case may sign onto the agreement, and other companies might be persuaded to join.

Holder told a Justice Department news conference that "we believe that consumers paid millions of dollars more for some of the most popular titles" as a result of the alleged conspiracy. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Eye on the (very) small screen

The HTC Evo 3D smartphone is shown in San Francisco on June 21, 2011. Canada's big telecom companies have scooped up television stations for more content, but so far small numbers of consumers are watching live sports, news and other shows on their smartphones. When you look at it as a percentage of all TV watched, viewing television on smartphones is certainly well under one per cent, said Deloitte Canada analyst Duncan Stewart, who noted that screen size is a big consideration when it comes to how consumers view content. According to research by the Media Technology Monitor, only about four per cent of anglophone consumers were watching TV on their phones last year, although the figure had doubled since 2010.

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Social networking

New changes to Google Plus

Google is tweaking its social network, Google Plus, to make it easier to use and to distinguish it from rival Facebook.

The most visible change is a new navigation ribbon with icons for the most-used features, such as games, photos and your personal profile.

Users can reorder the features and hide the ones they don't use often.

The changes, announced Wednesday, are designed to help Google Plus adapt more easily to growth — and to make room for new features in the future.

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Investment

Canada's banks a safe haven: Moody's

Canada's banks are collectively the soundest in the world, according to Moody's Investors Service, which has recommended the financial institutions to jittery global investors.

The New York-based agency rated all of Canada's big banks at double-A2 or

better in a report Wednesday, higher than bank rankings in the United States, Europe and other regions.

Canada's big banks also posted good results in the first quarter of 2012, the agency noted.

The rating report is just the latest recognition of Canadian banks, which — unlike counterparts in the U.S. and Europe — suffered no failures during the financial crisis.

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Autos

China's vehicle sales remain slow

Official data show Chinese vehicle sales were muted in March, rising one per cent from a year earlier as car makers cut prices to counter slack demand.

China, the world's largest market for new vehicles, has seen sales growth slow over the past year, though sales for foreign automakers have fared relatively well.

The China Association of Automobile Manufacturers said Wednesday that 1.84-million vehicles were sold in March, up from 1.8 million a year earlier.

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Housing starts rise sharply

CMHC report. Condo sector shows no sign of cooling — particularly in Toronto

Canada's home-building industry was unexpectedly hot in March — particularly the condo sector in Toronto.

The latest data on residential construction surprised analysts Wednesday, with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. (CMHC) reporting 14,517 actual starts in March, giving a seasonally adjusted rate of 215,600 units a year.

That constitutes a five per cent jump from the previous month and the highest level of starts since the fall of 2008.

As well, CMHC upgraded its estimates for January and February, suggesting home construction was a key component of economic growth for Canada in the first quarter of this year.

Ontario, particularly Toronto, had the country's biggest increase in multiple-dwelling units, a group that includes condos and apartments. Multiple starts in the province jumped by 50 per cent on a seasonally adjusted basis.

"Certainly we think the

Regional rates

The report for March did contain some evidence of retrenchment.

- Starts in urban areas decreased by 27.7 per cent in British Columbia — a signal that the country's most expensive housing market, Vancouver, may be coming back to earth — and by 16.3 per cent in Quebec.

- The Prairie provinces saw a 6.4 per cent increase in starts, while residential building rose by 2.7 per cent in Atlantic Canada.

housing sector will downshift at some point ... but we're not quite at that point yet," said Peter Buchanan, an analyst with CIBC World Markets.

Buchanan said the condo market may be sizzling due to demographics as baby boomers downsize from larger, detached homes, as well as international speculation and a trend to more downtown living among Canadians as the cost of commuting increases with rising gas prices.

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Stretching a dollar further

A shopper picks up some goods at a Dollarama store in Toronto. Dollarama Inc. aims to add up to 60 new stores this year, primarily in Ontario and Western Canada, in the face of growing competition from U.S. discount rival Dollar Tree. The Montreal-based company operates 704 stores across the country after opening 52 new stores in the last fiscal year. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Cool currency

Mint introduces new glow-in-the-dark coin

The Royal Canadian Mint seems to be in an awfully experimental mood lately.

First, the penny was given the boot in last week's budget, an announcement that was quietly followed up by the unveiling of an in-development digital currency chip.

Now, perhaps as a nod to what could look increasingly like the pending extinction of coins, the Mint has taken the wraps off a new quarter that stars a dinosaur

discovered in the Grande Prairie, Alta., area.

And it also happens to be the Mint's first glow-in-the-dark coin.

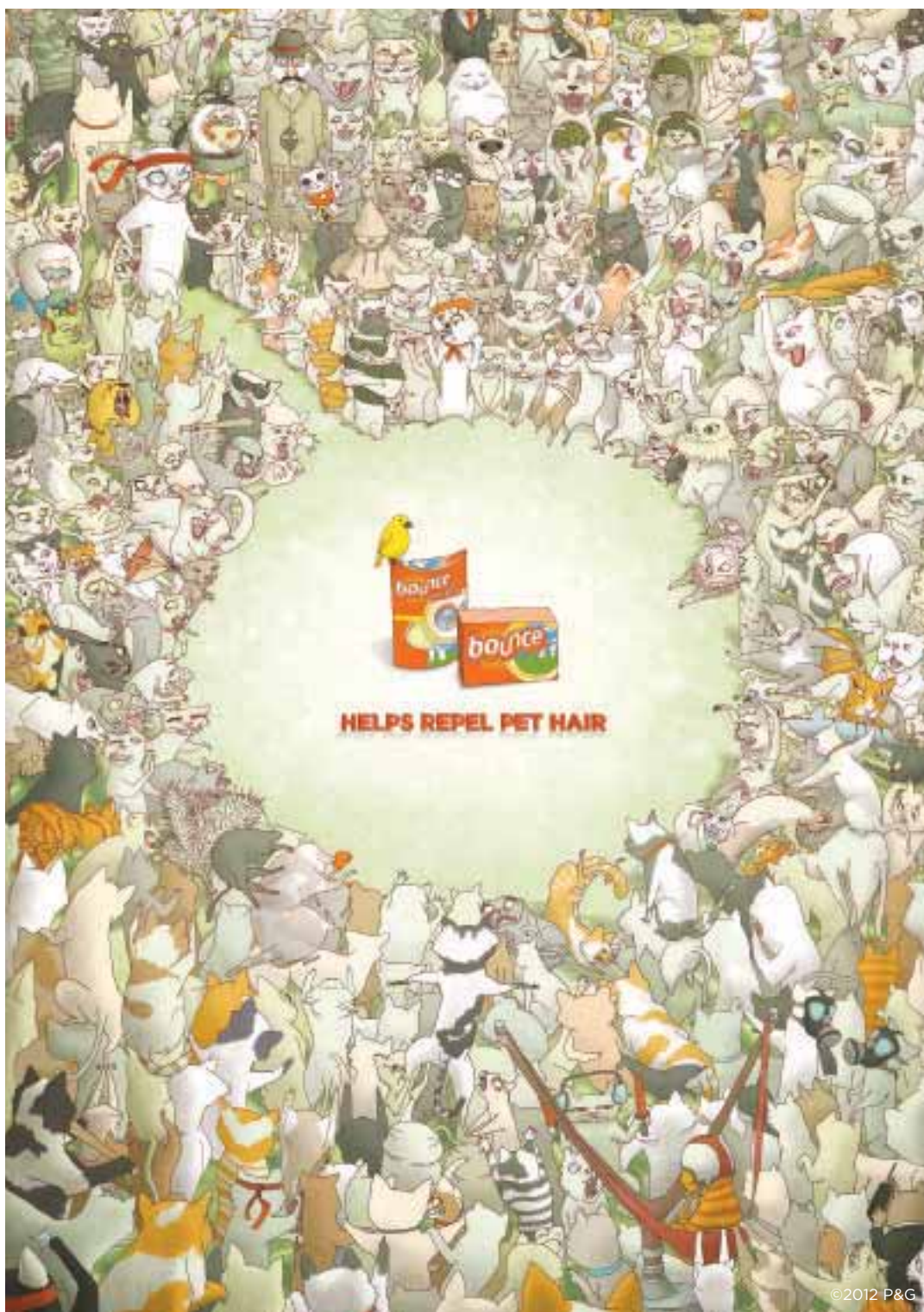
In your standard well-lit coin-counting situation, the very cool quarter boasts an image of Pachyrhinosaurus lakustai. But when the lights go down, the image reverts to a luminous look at the dinosaur's skeleton.

The Mint says 25,000 copies of the eye-catching currency have been made, part of a planned series of four glow-in-the-dark coins spotlighting prehistoric creatures. They are available for purchase online and at Canada Post locations for \$29.95.

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The Royal Canadian Mint's first glow-in-the-dark coin. THEMINT.CA



LET THE REAL HOCKEY SEASON BEGIN



HE SAYS...
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What with the latest news involving nuclear weapons and dictatorships, it will be paramount to check up on those things when the Stanley Cup playoffs are over.

But for now, let's focus on

what's important. Sixteen teams are vying for the world's most famous bird bath/pudding bowl in a bid to take it away from my Boston Bruins, who won last year in a victory that I have recounted three or four times (5,000, tops).

Like many journalists, my empathy button is worn down after years of overuse. I recently had a completely dispassionate conversation with an editor about whether a person can be "partially disembowelled." I believe I was eating a sandwich.

But confront me with the NHL playoffs and, well, this is emotional. This is life and death.

Just sayin'

We live in a country where our government was completely unapologetic for a \$10-billion discrepancy in the costs of fighter jets, but the Toronto Maple Leafs apologized in full-page newspaper ads for their poor season.

That might sound ridiculous if you're not a sports fan, but I'm not alone. We live in a country where our government was completely unapologetic for a \$10-billion discrepancy in the costs of fighter jets, but the Toronto Maple Leafs apologized in full-page newspaper ads for their poor season.

Heck, if this government owned the Winnipeg Jets and increased ticket prices by \$293 (the \$10 billion broken down to each Canadian), Manitobans would lay siege to Ottawa. And you can bet the government would be apologizing like a

theatregoer trying to get to his mid-row seat.

Long column short, hockey is serious business, which is why my yearly Stanley Cup playoff predictions are so hotly anticipated. They were completely accurate last year, as far as you know. And here they are!

- "Because it's the cup" commercials, which are aimed at people who don't watch hockey, will air only during hockey.
- If Glenn Healy is watching, every goal will be "unacceptable." If Greg Millen is watching, every goal will be "absolutely no chance for the goaltender." If they both watch the same goal at the same time, the universe will collapse in on itself.
- Every fan whose team loses to one of the eventual Stanley Cup finalists will consider that third place and argue that it shows how close they were to winning.
- Players will be asked, several times, if scoring the first goal is and/or was important. Not once will the player look at the reporter and say, "How much do they pay you exactly?"

And those are my predictions. I'm also picking Boston and Pittsburgh to meet in the Eastern Conference final, which would keep me busy until June. If Leafs/Oilers/Flames/Habs fans could keep an eye on North Korea and the Conservatives during that time, that'd be great.

Remember to keep your head up at all times.



Boston Bruins captain Zdeno Chára hoists the Stanley Cup for thousands of fans to see during a rally in celebration of the team's victory in Boston, in this June 2011 file photo.

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Playoffs making a splash



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Stanley Cup

Replica doubles as fountain in N.Y.C.

To kick off the NHL Stanley Cup playoffs, a 21-foot, 6,600-pound replica of the Stanley Cup trophy was unveiled in Times Square in New York on Wednesday.

The replica trophy doubled as a water fountain that residents and visitors can drink from — much to the amusement of these young fans.

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Vancouver

The playoffs began Wednesday night with three games, one of which saw the Vancouver Canucks hosting the Los Angeles Kings.

- With memories of last year's melee etched into the collective consciousness of Vancouver, local business owners say they're hoping for the best but prepared for the worst.
- "We know we're going to be judged kind of how we do in the playoffs," Canucks forward Ryan Kesler said. "Now the real season begins. It's going to be a good test, this first round, for us."
- The Vancouver Canucks carry the NHL's best record into the Stanley Cup playoffs for the second year in a row.

• Playoff coverage, page 26. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



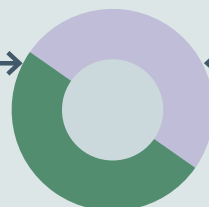
NHL commissioner Gary Bettman stands between the Stanley Cup and a 21-foot replica. GETTY IMAGES



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@JoshJanet: Why is Jaromir Jagr following the Winnipeg Jets on twitter? I get

@shaunMcG21: Today is anniversary of "Coyotes to Winnipeg upon elimination" story. What a year it has been. Cue more ridiculous rumors in coming days.

@chadvector: Little chilly this morning. You know what they say about the weather round here: Shut up, no one wants to hear it. #Winnipeg

Bring on the Payne

Comedy. Nikki Payne brings her unique form of stand-up, complete with speech impediment and dry humping, to Winnipeg



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Nikki Payne returns to the Winnipeg Comedy Festival for four shows, including Saturday's Women Who Kill gala at the Pantages Playhouse Theatre.

According to festival director Al Rae, the all-female show is indirectly in response to Eddie Brill, the former Late Show with David Letterman comedy booker who recently said female comedians aren't as authentic as male comics.

"I don't know Eddie Brill and I don't think my career has been affected by Eddie Brill," Payne says.

"You know what, I tell poo jokes and I get paid to tell poo jokes. The rest of it, I'm too old and too tired for. But apparently we're going to take Eddie down. That will be the finale of the show. We're going to tar and feather Eddie Brill."

She may be kidding about the mob vengeance, but you'd be hard-pressed to find a comedian as authentic as Payne.

The 36-year-old stand-up from Sackville, N.S., is known for her unique and peppy stage presence, her speech impediment and her high-powered dry humping, the latter of which will be on full display Saturday night at the Gas Station Arts Centre



Comedian Nikki Payne appears in four shows at the Winnipeg Comedy Festival. WINNIPEG COMEDY FESTIVAL

Info

- Women Who Kill starts at 9:15 p.m., and The Dark and Stormy Show goes down at 10:30 p.m. On Sunday, see Payne at the free Make it Better panel at 1:30 p.m. at the Gas Sta-

tion, and the Best of Fest gala at 7 p.m. at Pantages. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster. Check out winipegcomedyfestival.com for more info.

I'm more of a magenta compared to actual blue comedians. I lean more towards

lavender."

She may not be blue, but Payne is an incredibly ani-

mated performer; a lisping little ball of energy. Luckily, she's able to tone it down a little in the real world.

"Onstage I have the freedom to say things I would love to say in my real life, but it's not appropriate," Payne says.

"If I could behave like that I would, but I wouldn't get far in life. How long could I hump in a grocery store until security comes?"

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Scene in brief

Alba gets her poetry voice on

Jessica Alba is adding her voice to National Poetry Month, helping to lure children into the art form. Alba is among more than a dozen celebrity parents whose poetry readings are airing on the Disney and Disney Junior channels this month. Readings by Viola Davis, Caroline Kennedy, Liev Schreiber and Katie Holmes are also featured in "A Poem Is ...", a short-form series that sets verse to classic Disney animation. Langston Hughes, Mary Ann Hoberman and May Swenson are among the writers whose work is included. Alba's segment will air April 29, on the Disney Channel.

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Raitt falls into success Slipstream

Returning to the studio. Bonnie Raitt's latest offering finds her receiving inspiration from an unexpected source

Bonnie Raitt had been thinking about working with Grammy-winning producer Joe Henry for years. And Henry had been kicking around the idea of reaching out to the Rock and Roll Hall of Famer whose voice he has adored forever.

It wasn't until mutual friend Allen Toussaint made a cosmic connection that the two finally got together, launching Raitt on the journey to Slipstream, her first new album in seven years. During a recording session with Aaron Neville, Toussaint coyly suggested that Henry work with Raitt in the future. And when Toussaint speaks, Henry always listens.

"He's not like anybody else on this earth," Henry said. "He's like Yoda."

The producer called the performer shortly thereafter and, as the great New Or-



leans producer and performer suspected, the chemistry between Raitt and Henry was dynamite.

"I was about a month away from thinking of calling and I got the contact from my office saying Joe wants to speak to you," Raitt said. "And I just thought it was so synchronistic. It was one of those really great times, a really great phone call."

Slipstream, her 19th album and her first on her own label, Redwing Records, is a mix of styles and flavours. Al Anderson, formerly of NRBQ, contributes three songs and plays on four, acting as a counterpunch to Henry's more sombre songs. And Raitt even offers a reggae version of Gerry Rafferty's Right Down the Line. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Bonnie Raitt's Slipstream is her first album in seven years. HANDOUT

Analysis

Inspiration from strange places

Bonnie Raitt really didn't have elaborate expectations when she joined Joe Henry.

They thought they'd spend a few days on a handful of songs, but after three days, they had nine.

"It was like the pilot light was on, but he turned the gas up," Raitt said.

They emerged from those sessions with four new cuts for the album: Henry compositions God Only Knows (perhaps the album's standout) and You Can't Fail Me Now (co-written with Loudon Wainwright III) and the Bob Dylan covers Million Miles and Standing in the Doorway.

And Raitt emerged aflame with the need to pull her touring band together to cut more tracks.

She eventually added eight others to Slipstream and the cuts left over will be released after she completes tours.

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Maggie Grace in *Lockout* HANDOUT

Grace under fire

Maggie Grace. Lost actress talks about her new role in *Lockout* and her accidental ascent as an action star

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Maggie Grace wants to make it clear that while her eye is tearing up, it's not because of anything anyone said. "I'm not crying. I just did a little damage [on set] last night," she says. "I just injured my eye a little bit. I didn't want people to think I was just so emotional."

And then, to undermine her own point, Grace then launches into a tearful speech about how wonderful *Lockout* co-star Guy Pearce is before breaking down laughing.

Grace, who first rose to fame as the pampered Shannon on *Lost*, has been following an interestingly physical track with her film career, which is something she hadn't expected.

"It's funny, it's become kind of a theme for me — a string

of action movies," she says. "I just wrapped *Taken 2* — and I was the girl who would lock myself in the locker room and cry after gym class. So it's just funny what life brings you."

Her latest film, the sci-fi caper *Lockout*, is a part of that action-heavy trend. "I pretty much looked like a dalmatian," she says about her bruised appearance after filming was completed last autumn in Serbia. Not that she's complaining, of course.

"We arrived in Serbia to start training a little bit early with the wires and do some combat training, so that was really helpful. And also a lot of fun. Probably the closest I'll get to being a trapeze artist myself," she remembers.

And while so much work in the action genre may seem like a happy accident to her, Grace doesn't feel the same way about acting in general.

"I never understand those 'tripped and fell' stories. I don't know how that works," she says, referring to actors who claim they found their vocation by chance.

"Maybe it sounds sort of modest or something, I don't know. But I feel like I've worked really hard to get where I am,

"Don't I know you from...?"

With all the travelling she does — and with parts in two beloved franchises (*Lost* and *Twilight*) — Maggie Grace is often stopped by fans.

- So what's she recognized for most these days? "Usually *Taken* lately. For a long time it was *Lost*, and that still comes up. Those are pretty hard-core fans, the *Losties*," she says. "But *Taken*, it's pretty funny. Especially in airports, of course."

and I'm pretty proud of it."

She's also proud of how much travelling she does for work, noting that she's back in L.A. for the first time since living on location since October.

"If you have any time off, I love to explore. It's one of my favourite things about doing this for a living — and why so far I've really preferred features to television," she says.

"I don't know how I'm going to commit to one man for the rest of my life when I can't commit to one television show for a seven-year contract."

The Rolling Stones. Band goes 'into training' for their 50th anniversary

Ronnie Wood says the Rolling Stones will meet in a recording studio later this month "to just throw some ideas around."

The guitarist for the legendary rock group said Monday that he and the band just want "to get the feel again."

He also added that the Rolling Stones 50th anniversary is like training for something big.

"It's like working out for the Olympics or something," Wood said. "You've got to go into training. So we're going to go into training."

Wood made the comments Monday in an interview following a press conference for his exhibition, *Faces, Time and Places*, which features his own paintings. It includes pieces of him and his band mates, as well as Muhammad Ali and Al Pacino.

Wood, who said he first started painting at age three, enjoys doing it because it's a reflection of his own ideas, unlike music, which he calls "a group effort."

The exhibit launched Monday and will close June 30.

Wood's week will get busier when he is inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on Saturday as a member of The Faces, along with Rod Stewart.

It will be the second induc-



Ronnie Wood THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

tion for the 64-year-old Wood. The Rolling Stones were inducted in 1989.

He'll also perform a solo show at the Golden Nugget in Atlantic City, N.J., on April 21.

When asked what fans should expect, he said: "Lots of surprises because I'm going to surprise myself. I don't know what the hell is coming next."

"The whole set list is going to be made up. I'm making it up every day now."

Wood says he would love to go on a solo tour "if I had enough time, but I have too many commitments."

He also talked about possibly recording another solo album.

"Lots of people don't know

I've made seven, 'cause most of my albums escape; they're not released," he said, laughing. "Keith (Richards) says they all skyrocket to oblivion."

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Music man

"Lots of people don't know I've made seven, 'cause most of my albums escape; they're not released. Keith (Richards) says they all skyrocket to oblivion."

Ronnie Wood
When asked if he would record another solo album

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More mothering, less acting for Cruz

With a one-year-old son at home, Penelope Cruz is starting to consider cutting back on her career for the sake of motherhood.

"Maybe I'll make one movie a year, maybe two, but it's not going to be more than that because I have other priorities now," Cruz tells Harper's Bazaar.

"I talk about him all day long, even to strangers in the street. It is my favorite subject! But, you know, this is my job."

Cruz and husband Javier Bardem welcomed son Leonardo last year.



Is the Seal/Klum divorce getting ugly?

Seal is striking back at Heidi Klum, reportedly disputing her divorce petition, according to TMZ.

The main issue he takes with her filing? Seal insists there are "community and quasi-community assets" that need to be divided up, while Klum claims a postnuptial agreement addresses that. In addition, Klum cites January 19 as the official start of their separation, while Seal says the date hasn't been determined.

Seal is also asking for joint physical custody of their children instead of Klum's proposed full physical custody.

"Given that he's away a lot on tour, giving her primary physical custody is pretty much status quo," the source says.

And both parties are reportedly asking to deny spousal support to the other. Klum is worth an estimated \$70 million, while Seal is worth \$15 million.

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For Tuesday's Word, I wrote about Jennifer Lopez, 42, gifting beau/backup dancer Casper Smart, 25, with a custom white Dodge pickup truck for his birthday.

Apparently, Lopez "knew that Casper really wanted a truck, and Casper was very excited about the generous gift," a source told People magazine. "Casper was so excited about his new truck that he decided to drive it to dinner. She was smiling about Casper's excitement."

In the column, I made a crack about how: 1) That "source" sounded like a quote-giving robot and 2) How I was surprised that Lopez didn't buy him a Fiat considering all the shilling she does for the car manufacturer. This was the incorrect joke to make. Please check out the following reader mail:

"You may need to do some more digging. Chrysler/Dodge/Ram are owned in part by Fiat which helped bailout Chrysler!! That is why he got a Ram Truck from J. Lo and not a Ford F-150!!!"



"Did you really not know that Fiat and Dodge are both owned by Chrysler LLC, when you wrote that J-Lo dreck?"

"I feel obligated to point out that Fiat holds a considerable financial and developmental stake in Chrysler (who makes Dodge and Jeep vehicles). It wouldn't be too much of a stretch to assume she used an "employee discount" (if any money was spent at all) on that Dodge truck."

In my defence, I am only a semi-good looking recycler of celebrity gossip, not a hard-hitting journalist who knows the ins-and-outs of the car industry. However, thanks to my eagle-eyed readers, who do know such things, we all now know that this "news item" and "gift" was a total plant by Fiat and that truck was totally free in exchange for press. And, really, do celebrities ever pay for anything? Or do they just have to save their cash for when they will inevitably need a high-priced divorce lawyer?



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Princess Diana wanted to star in Bodyguard sequel, says Costner

Kevin Costner reveals there were plans for a sequel to The Bodyguard — with Princess Diana interested in starring as herself.

"Diana and I had been talking about doing Bodyguard 2," Costner tells Anderson Cooper in an interview set to air next month.

"I told her I would take care of her just the same way that I took care of

Whitney (Houston)."

And though the late Princess had no professional acting experience, Costner was eager to work with her.

"She wanted me to write it for her. I said, 'I'll tailor it for you if you're interested.' She goes, 'I am interested.'" Costner remembers, revealing that he received a draft of the script the day before Diana lost her life in 1997.

Bobbi Kristina agrees to reality show: Report

Bobbi Kristina Brown, the daughter of late singer Whitney Houston, has reportedly made a verbal deal to star in a reality TV series,

according to Radar Online.

"This show is being done against her family's advice," a source says. Brown, who is reportedly dealing with her own substance-abuse issues, is "obviously very wild and misguided," the source adds.

"Bobbi is scared the world will label her just like her mother."

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Take spring style by storm

Go ahead, let it pour.
If it rains on your parade you'll be ready

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Spring has sprung and the world is... wet? As Canadians we've learned how to rock any climate, and the soggy days of the season are no exception.

This year however, retailers have taken rain gear up a notch — and are giving us no choice but to dance through every downpour.

"Colour is huge this spring," says Sears trend director Cynthia Florek.

"We're seeing the trench updated in electric colours like blue, green and coral or through interesting textures and effects like micro-suede perforations and neutral colour blocking."

Boots, umbrellas and other permeable pairables have followed suit, so take stock of this gorgeous gear.



I'm only happy when it rains. JOE FRESH

On trend

"The trench is the perfect outerwear piece to transition into spring... And anoraks, anoraks, anoraks — spring must-have! I love the Joe Fresh nylon anorak over a tulip dress with pretty pumps — très chic!"

Adrienne Shoom
Style Director at Joe Fresh



Banana Republic Solid Belted Mac,
\$160 - bananarepublic.com



Attitude Jay Manuel Funnel-Coated
Trench, \$179.99, sears.ca



Joe Fresh Mac Coat, \$29,
joefresh.com

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LIFE

Style file

Colour me trendy

Most of us can pair one bold colour with another - it just takes a little confidence. But colour blocking, that's more of an art, and it's one to be mastered this spring season.

The highest standard of colour blocking was set by Yves Saint Laurent, who transferred the graphic, pop-art look of painter Piet Mondrian onto fabric. The YSL look was an instant hit as it fit so nicely into the fresh, no-frills mod fashions of the mid 1960s.

Since then, Lisa Perry, known for her bright traffic-stopping colour combinations on simple silhouettes, says the style has become a classic that sometimes hits as a bona fide trend.

This is one of those years, she says. It's part of a broader movement away from the earth tones that dominated runways and stores for a while.

• **A general definition of colour blocking is the pairing of chunks of contrasting colours.**

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Gap Rubber Boots

Gap
\$54.95, gap.com

Fulton Red Bird Cage Umbrella

Sears
\$34.99, sears.ca



Ladies Rubber Boots in Lace

Walmart
\$20, walmart.ca

Old Navy Dot Umbrella

Old Navy
\$12.50, oldnavy.ca



Jessica Weekend Boater Shoes

Sears
\$59.99, sears.ca

Facing the elements. The eye of the storm

Take note of this rain-proof makeup tip from Rimmel makeup artist, Vanessa Jarman:

Waterproof Mascara

Waterproof mascara shouldn't be used all the time. The alcohol content tends to dry out lashes and is not the most nourishing formula to apply on a constant basis. Having said that... if you will be attending an emotional



event such as a wedding or funeral, or know your day will be filled with a lot of rain, it's always better to be prepared!

TIP: You can try applying regular mascara on your lashes for your first coat to add a barrier and then coat your lashes with waterproof mascara to seal everything in.

Try: Rimmel's Sexy Curves Waterproof Mascara

For the boys: Lacoste Blouson Jacket

Lacoste
\$250, lacoste.com



Style pick: Your mane rain timesaver

This water absorbing hair brush from Goody is equipped with ball-tip bristles and microfibre beads that wrap around wet hair like a towel as you brush, absorbing water with every stroke and reducing your drying time significantly.

Microbial microfibre keeps this uber-helpful hair care product clean.



Quick Style Paddle Brush

Goody
\$15.99, goody.com

On the Web



Christian Dior names
Belgian designer
Raf Simons as its new
artistic director

Match it up: Does this go with that?



Decor rules: Draperies should blend with the wall colour, and your style of artwork should inspire the look of your area rugs. CRATEANDBARREL.CA

Decor ideas. How to match your home decor for a beautiful coordinated look



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Like most decor enthusiasts, I prefer to space out my decorating projects and not do it all at once. This gives me a chance to stand back and reflect on my choices. Plus, it's easier on the pocketbook.

But one danger of decorating in stages is that some people may lose focus of the overall look they're trying to achieve. Here's a brief guide to help you get inspired and stay on track:

Fabrics and paint

Start with the largest pattern in each room. In the bedroom, it's the duvet cover/bedding; in the living room it's the sofa; in the bathroom it's the shower

curtain. The second major colour you see in the pattern is the one you match with accessories in the room, and the third colour in the pattern is used for the wall colour. If there is not a pattern or colour used in your fabric choices then you have a monochromatic colour scheme (all variants of the same colour). In this case, choose the same colour for accessories and wall colours, but choose lighter or darker versions to make things more interesting.

Windows

Shades should blend with the window's framing. If your window trims are white, choose a white window shade. If you have wood window trims, then choose taupe, brown or wood shades. Draperies should always match the walls. A shade lighter or darker than your paint colour will make them a mainstay classic in the room's decor.

Rugs

Match your area rugs to any artwork you have (or are attracted to). If you like rich Van Gogh-style art, choose richly

patterned Persian-style rugs to blend in. If you gravitate toward modern black and white art, choose neutral area rugs in very light or very dark tones.

Lighting

If you are having trouble choosing a lampshade, try matching it to the frames on your walls. If you have dark brown or black frames, choose the same colour for lampshades. A plain white lampshade will always work but can be a little boring, especially in a room where deeper, darker tones are being used.

Kitchens

The colour of your kitchen backsplash should blend with the upper and lower cabinetry. This will encourage the eye to travel vertically without interruption. For instance, if you have deep-cherry-wood-toned cabinets, your backsplash could be a ruddy brown slate to match. Countertops should get the same colouring and tones of your appliances. If you've chosen stainless-steel appliances with black trims, a grey-toned counter with dark specks or veining would be perfect.

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Dust begets more dust

A dust-up with those bunnies?



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Dear Charles the Butler, I am finding it very difficult to do more than "move dust around" when I dust. A lot has to do with static electricity, as the problem is worse on or near electronics such as the TV or DVD player. I am concerned about the use of water or furniture polishes on some types of wood and

wood finishes, as I ruined some pieces a while back using polish. Can you help?
Robin

Hello Robin, As I am sure you have heard me say before, dust is a never-ending duty. So dealing with the dust is important as it continues to build up and can lead to some big dust bunnies.

Remember that even if you don't use a certain room in your house, you still need to dust that space on a regular basis because dust attracts more dust.

Here are some dusting tips:

1. Dust often.
2. Don't use chemical dusting sprays as they often have sili-

cone in them and this builds up on your furniture, and attracts more dust.

3. My personal trick that works perfectly is to wet your hands just a little, then dry them on a cotton cloth (only 100 per cent cotton). This process makes the cotton cloth the perfect humidity to "damp dust" — but remember to use very little or no water. The cloth should be only humid to pick up the dust perfectly. What's great about this is that there are no chemicals, and the cotton cloths can be cleaned in the washing machine and re-used. Give this a try and let us know how it works. **HAVE A QUESTION? SEND AN EMAIL TO ASK-CHARLESTHEBUTLER@METRONEWS.CA**

Reclaim Sunday dinner with dishes the family can bond over

Pasta con Salsicce e Broccolini



This recipe serves eight to 10 people. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

"I first enjoyed this dish on the island of Sardinia, where it was served to me with homemade sausage and the pasta della casa, ear-shaped orecchiette," writes Lisa Caponigri, in her new book *Whatever Happened to Sunday Dinner?*

The dish is included in the book, which focuses on bring families together.

1. Remove sausages from casings and crumble. In a large skillet over high heat, brown sausage. Transfer to paper towels to drain. Wipe the fat out of the pan.

2. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add pasta and cook until al dente (if using rigatoni or orecchiette, cook for 8 minutes; if using penne, cook for 9 minutes).

3. Heat olive oil and garlic in wiped-out skillet over

medium-high heat until garlic is golden.

4. Add broccoli rabe, red pepper flakes and salt and cook for 5 minutes, stirring a few times.

5. Add sausage and butter and cook over high heat for 5 minutes, stirring a few times.

6. Drain pasta, reserving 250 ml (1 cup) of the cooking water and transfer pasta to skillet.

7. Mix well, adding water if pasta seems too dry. Pour into a large warm serving bowl, sprinkle cheese over top and serve.

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Ingredients

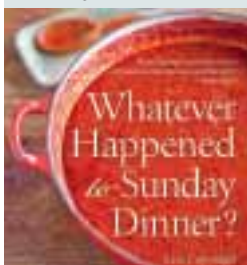
8 to 10 portions

- 1 kg (2 lb) Italian sausage
- 1 kg (2 lb) rigatoni, penne or orecchiette
- 250 ml (1 cup) extra-virgin olive oil
- 6 cloves garlic, crushed into a paste
- 1.5 g (3 lb) broccoli rabe,

- stems trimmed and cut into 2.5-cm (1-inch) pieces
- 5 ml (1 tsp) red pepper flakes
- 5 ml (1 tsp) sea salt
- 60 ml (4 tbsp/1/2 stick) unsalted butter
- 250 ml (1 cup) grated Pecorino Romano

Cookbook of the Week

Whatever Happened to Sunday Dinner?



Lisa Caponigri has released *Whatever Happened to Sunday Dinner?* to give families recipes they can easily cook and enjoy together.

Caponigri has devised 52 delicious Italian menus — one for each Sunday of the year — that feature classics like crostini, lasagne, polenta, stuffed peppers, veal piccata, risotto alla Milanese, and ricotta pie.

There are also many surprises like Woodman's pasta and Italian french fries — and traditional, treasured dishes from her own family's kitchen, such as Nana's Strufoli and Grandma Caponigri's Ragu Sauce. METRO

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SPORTS

Phoenix Coyotes

"We're not setting a timeline.... We're dealing with it, and we're continuing to pursue a solution and (if we) reach a point where we conclude we can't reach a solution, we'll deal with it. But we do hope we can reach a solution so that the timing will become irrelevant."

Commissioner Gary Bettman, explaining Wednesday that the NHL continues talking with prospective buyers for the league-owned Phoenix Coyotes with no timeline for selling the team. The commissioner said in January that three groups showed serious interest in the Coyotes. He said the NHL is still talking to prospective buyers.

On the web



There may have been some panicky moments around the country as the 2010 Olympic gold-medal hockey game went to overtime, but as Team Canada head coach Mike Babcock explains in his new book, "there was no way doubt was getting in the dressing room on that day." Scan the code for the story.



Jakub Voracek of the Flyers scores Wednesday's game-winning overtime goal on Marc-Andre Fleury in Pittsburgh. JUSTIN K. ALLER/GETTY IMAGES

Flyers flip the script on Pens in overtime

NHL. Philadelphia recovers from 3-goal deficit to steal opener in Pittsburgh

Jakub Voracek beat Marc-Andre Fleury from in close 2:23 into overtime to give the Philadelphia Flyers a 4-3 comeback victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Wednesday night in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference quarter-final series.

Fleury stopped Matt Read's shot from the corner, but Voracek pounced on the rebound to cap a furious rally from a 3-0 deficit. Daniel Briere scored twice, and Brayden Schenn added a goal in his playoff debut.

Game 1

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Flyers

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Penguins

Ilya Bryzgalov settled down after a shaky start to finish with 25 saves.

Sidney Crosby, Tyler Kennedy and Pascal Dupuis scored for the Penguins, and Fleury stopped 22 shots, but Pittsburgh struggled after dominating the first period.

The rivals delivered on their promise to play "whistle-to-whistle" and leave out the rough stuff that highlighted

By the numbers

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Philadelphia won 20 games during the season when the opponent scored first, the most in the NHL.

their six regular-season meetings. The game featured only a handful of penalties and little of the typical animosity.

Crosby missed the playoffs last season while dealing with concussion-like symptoms, but the former MVP didn't take long making up for lost time. He gave Pittsburgh the lead on his second shift, shaking off a hit Philadelphia from defence-man Braydon Coburn in the corner then bouncing to his

feet and flipping a rebound over Bryzgalov's glove 3:43 into the first period.

Kennedy made it 2-0 just over four minutes later, his wrist shot from the left circle beating Bryzgalov over his stick.

Philadelphia coach Peter Laviolette called timeout, a manoeuvre he used successfully 10 days ago after the Flyers fell behind by two goals in the first five minutes in Pittsburgh. It worked April 1, as Philadelphia rallied for a 6-4 victory.

It worked again. Just not immediately.

Dupuis would make it a 3-0 for Pittsburgh just 37 seconds before the first intermission, before Briere sparked Philadelphia with a goal at 6:22 of the second. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

NHL. Rangers embrace Tortorella's snarly style



New York head coach John Tortorella. GETTY IMAGES FILE

John Tortorella stared into a packed interview room on the eve of the Stanley Cup playoffs.

With several cameras and a swarm of reporters in his face, the fiery coach of the New York Rangers impatiently awaited the first question.

Awkward silence followed until he broke it.

"Five, four, three," he counted down.

It was met with laughter, but Tortorella didn't join in. It is hardly a stretch to think that if nothing was asked before he reached zero, he would've marched out the door.

Quoted

"You're going to play within the team concept, and if you don't, you just don't play. If you're not playing, you know why."

Rangers centre Brad Richards, who won a cup with John Tortorella in Tampa Bay.

So it goes with perhaps the most intense coach in the NHL. Tortorella has been fined twice this season. The first was \$10,000 US for suggesting the NHL and NBC colluded to try to get the Winter Classic into over-

time. The second was \$20,000 last week after a loss at Pittsburgh in which he unleashed a profanity-laced tirade at Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin. That was sparked by Penguin Brooks Orpik's hit on Derek Stepan, which Tortorella called dirty.

"He is willing to put himself out there to stick up for us," Rangers forward Mike Rupp said. "He doesn't want his players to be disrespected, and he will stand against that. He is very good at just trying to protect us as best he can. It's just one of those things that make you want to play for him."

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Boston Bruins

Horton likely to miss the playoffs

Bruins forward Nathan Horton is expected to miss the Stanley Cup playoffs because of a concussion.

Horton suffered the injury Jan. 22 in a game against the Philadelphia Flyers and has not played since.

The 26-year-old had three game-winning goals in last year's Stanley Cup run, but he missed the final four games of the championship series against Vancouver after suffering a concussion in Game 3.

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Chicago Blackhawks

Toews expected to play Game 1

Chicago captain Jonathan Toews is expected to play in the opening game of the Blackhawks' playoff series against the Phoenix Coyotes on Thursday. He missed the final 22 games of the regular season because of a concussion.

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Jonathan Toews at practice on Wednesday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Davis Cup

Canada to play South Africa

Milos Raonic likes Canada's chances against South Africa in a critical Davis Cup tennis playoff later this year.

Raonic, from Thornhill, Ont., is expected to lead the Canadian team into the best-of-five tie. Canada must win in order to remain in the World Group for 2013.

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FIFA

Canada up to 75th in rankings

World champion Spain remained top in FIFA's monthly rankings, and Uruguay rose to third. The Netherlands dropped two places to fourth, losing second to Germany. Canada, which hasn't played since losing to Armenia in a friendly match in February, moved up four spots to 75th.

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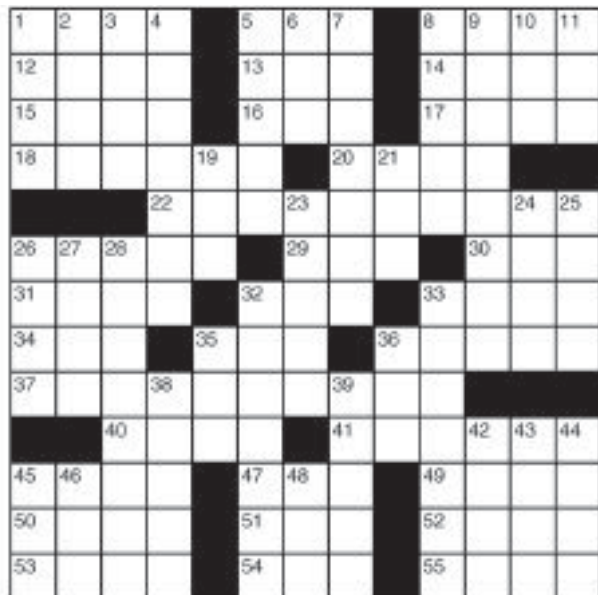
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5 Pouch
8 Sedimentary deposit
12 Beige
13 Swelled head
14 Freshly
15 Send forth
16 Lair
17 Start over
18 Man's hat style
20 Campus area
22 Etui's cousin?
26 Invigorating
29 Coop occupant
30 Street address?
31 Tramp's love
32 Pickle container
33 Actress Jessica
34 Whatever amount
35 Pitch
36 Skin
37 1959 Hudson/Day movie
40 Gentle soul
41 Subtlety
45 Raised platform
47 Make a choice
49 Gander
50 Into the sunrise
51 Digits (Abbr.)
52 Capri, e.g.
53 Crazy
54 Actor Ron

55 Geographical septet

Down

1 Coral structure
2 Pinnacle
3 Crossword diagram
4 Final exam?
5 Car style
6 Census statistic
7 Triumph over
8 Fergie, less familiarly
9 Like wax fruit
10 Started
11 Teeter-totter quorum
19 Sartorial problem
21 Sailors' org.
23 "USA Today" feature
24 Spheres
25 Ark skipper
26 Applaud
27 Hindu princess
28 Writer of pastoral pieces
32 Mandible
33 Acids' neutralizers
35 Pig stealer of rhyme
36 Winter ailment
38 Survives
39 Nervous
42 Winning margin, maybe



43 Pop flavor
44 — out a living
45 Society newbie
46 Motorists' grp.

48 Rep. or Dem.

Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

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HSMEUSCQ PI YPCQPIZ
MEBCRNPIZ. BPZNR EIC MHK
PRM CKCM HUC UPYCRGG?
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AT THE ZOO, A BUNCH
OF WICKED ZEBRAS WERE UNASHAMEDLY
PLAYING A GAME OF STRIPE POKER.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Peguils I

Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

Sometimes you are too nice and if you let someone off the hook today when they don't deserve it, you will regret it later.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

You need to be by yourself today and the only way you can do that is to put a barrier between you and negative people.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

This is a good time to approach people in positions of authority, especially if you need support.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

You can accomplish almost anything you want to, but you've got to look confident.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

What you want more than anything today is financial stability. How can you make your talents pay?

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

If a loved one makes a silly mistake today don't make a big issue of it.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

With mind planet Mercury at odds with Saturn in your sign, you could easily fall into the trap of thinking that something is important when it really doesn't matter at all.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

Give as much of yourself as you can today. Be generous to those you love and to those whose words and activities rub you the wrong way.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

This is a good time to deal with issues on the home front.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

If you have done something wrong, now is the time to apologize. The planets will help you to find just the right words.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18.

There is no such thing as something for nothing — ever. Keep that simple truth in front of you today and you won't go far wrong.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

Do what you can to help someone in need today but keep your distance emotionally.

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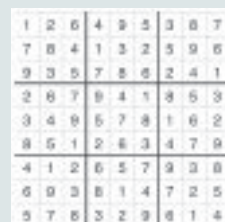
Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku



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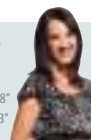


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